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Aloha! Mahalo for your interest in my candidacy.

Influencing public policy and making changes for the better have been my life's passion. From Kaua'i High, where I graduated as valedictorian and student body president, to Stanford University and the University of Washington Law School, I was active in political issues. Returning to Kaua'i, working for Legal Aid, I volunteered assistance to local groups whose success at fighting developments back then ensured that Kaua'i would remain Kaua'i today.

Going away to school awakened me to the uniquely special qualities of my island home and community. Speaking against uncontrolled growth, I ran for the County Council at age 26 and led the ticket.

One of my gifts is being able to look ahead. During my 10 years on the Council and 6 years as mayor, I started projects that have brought lasting benefit to our community: the Sunshine (farmer to consumer) Markets, bike paths, self-help housing, recycling and composting, and the Kaua'i Bus. As mayor, I expanded Po'ipu Beach Park, created the film commission, and initiated and/or supported the construction of 1,000 affordable homes. Recently, I helped to start the first electric co-op in Hawai'i (KIUC) and develop Kaua'i's Drug Prevention program. I also voted for open space protection, real property tax relief and proper usage of the Hawaiian language and place names. I am currently working to regulate vacation rentals and establish an affordable housing policy.

I hope you will find me worthy of your support. Mahalo.

